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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: P. A. Billing-Medel, *et al.*

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USEFUL FOR DETECTING  
DISEASES OF THE URINARY  
TRACT

Examiner: K. Canella

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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This is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 31, 2001. Claims 22-54 are currently under examination. A two month extension of time accompanies this response, extending the time to response from October 31, 2001 to December 31, 2001.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has rejected newly added claims 22-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 first paragraph stating that no evidence is provided linking the detection of the claimed marker to the diagnosis of urinary tract disease. Applicant disagrees.

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